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INVENTORYNational Park Service  
Pacific Northwest Region  
Cultural Resources DivisionWestin Building, 1920  
2001 Sixth Ave  
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Sunset Park Patrol Cabin

5. ORIGINAL USE  
Backcountry  
Ranger Patrol  
Cabin

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1922

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET &amp; NO)

N-105 Golden Lakes

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

Sunset Park

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Log frame, one-story (and loft), one-room, rectangular structure; steeply pitched cedar shake gable roof extends over open front porch of log post and beam construction; wood stove metal pipe on rear gable slope; whole log purlins with whittled ends; whole log exterior-interior walls; saddle corner notching; fixed windows; wood chinking; log sills and stone foundation; interior logs varnished; tongue and groove wood floor.

Prior to 1920 there were very few shelters for backcountry rangers and hikers. In 1919-20 Superintendent Roger W. Toll stressed the need for backcountry shelters, to be placed ten to fifteen miles apart along the popular Wonderland Trail. Toll's system evolved into the construction of both patrol cabins and trail shelters under Superintendent O. A. Tomlinson's administration (1923-1941).

The Superintendent's annual report for fiscal year 1922 reported the construction by the National Park Service of patrol cabins at St. Andrew's Creek, Mowich Lake, and Sunset Park (Golden Lakes). Aspects of their log frame, rectangular design, with steeply pitched cedar shaken gable roofs, corner saddle notching, and post and beam frame front porches, were incorporated into the construction of future patrol cabins in the park.

14. CONDITION

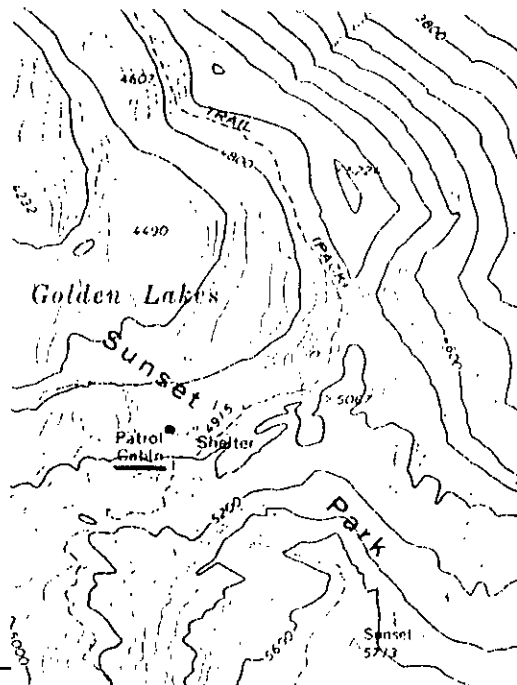
☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?  
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Sunset Park patrol cabin, located at Golden Lakes on the Wonderland Trail, measures 15'8" x 18' (including the front porch). The open front porch is 5' x 15'8", extending along the entire front facade with roughly hewn whole log columns and 1" x 7" decking. The highest clearance on the porch is 6'7". Inside the cabin, the distance from floor to ridge beam is 13'9".

16. Significance

Sunset Park patrol cabin is one of the oldest backcountry ranger stations in the park. Aspects of its log frame, rectangular design, with steeply pitched cedar shaken gable roof, saddle corner notching, and post and beam frame

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX front porch, were incorporated into the construction of future patrol cabins in the park. This cabin was an early component of Superintendent Roger Toll's vision of a string of backcountry shelters on the Wonderland Trail to accommodate the increasing need for backcountry ranger patrols and shelter for the hiking public. This policy evolved and expanded under O. A. Tomlinson's administration.



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19 PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, LIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNLIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN		<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			
21 REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER							

Building file N-103, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park

Superintendent, Annual Report, fiscal year 1920, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park

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